

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6 and 25-27 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Further, claims 1, 6 and 25-27 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In this regard, the Examiner objected to the phrase in claims 1 and 25-29 that "the fuel filter is disposed independently of the suction filter" and the phrase in claim 6 that the check valve "is capable of closing from a downstream side to an upstream side thereof". The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 6 and 25-27 and the claims dependent therefrom would be allowable if claims 1, 6 and 25-27 were amended to delete the above-noted phrases concerning independent disposition and closing from downstream side to upstream side. Claims 1 and 25-27 have been amended above to delete the reference to independent disposition. Further, claim 6 has been amended to delete the phrase regarding closing from a downstream side to an upstream side thereof, as suggested by the Examiner. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, has been overcome and that these claims should now be allowed as the Examiner indicated in the Official Action.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 11, 20-22 and 29-47 are allowed.

In view of the amendments to claims 1, 6 and 25-27 above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10, 12-19 and 23-28 should now be allowed as well.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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